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Dear Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of September 21, 2005. A petition for a three-month extension of time is attached, thereby extending the period for reply to March 21, 2006. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the following:

- amendments to the specification beginning on page 2;
- amendments reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3; and
- remarks and arguments beginning on page 8.